GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

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INVESTMENT IN PCPIR
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government proposes to invest Rs.4,000 to Rs.10,000 crores in Petroleum, Chemical and Petrochemical Investment Region (PCPIR);

(b) If so, the details in this regard;

(c) Whether some of the State Governments have sent their proposals for investment in this regard;

(d) If so, the details thereof; and

(e) the amount proposed to be invested by them and the decision taken on the proposals?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI B.K.HANDIQUE)

(a) to (e): The Cabinet has recently approved the Policy for setting up of Petroleum, Chemical and Petrochemical Investment Regions (PCPIRs), and the same has been published in the Gazette of India (Extraordinary, Part I, Section 1 dated 4th April, 2007) and is also placed on the web site of the Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals viz: www.chemicals.nic.in. The State Government would play a lead role in setting up of the PCPIR and prepare a project proposal for an identified site. The Central Government will consider and approve applications from the State Governments for establishment of PCPIRs in terms of this policy and also facilitate availability of external physical infrastructure linkages including rail, road, ports, and airports . Similarly, the State Government, applying for a PCPIR, will ensure that all physical infrastructure and utilities linkages under its jurisdiction are provided to the site.

The following four proposals have been received for hosting PCPIRs.

(i) Proposal from the Government of Andhra Pradesh for hosting a PCPIR at Vishakhapattnam- Kakinada-Rajamundry within the Vishakhapattnam and East Godavari Districts.

(ii) Proposal from the Government of Karnataka for hosting a PCPIR within the coastal districts of Dakshina Kannada and Udupi of Karnataka.

(iii) Proposal from the Government of Gujarat for hosting a PCPIR at Dahej spread over the blocks of Vagra and Bharuch of South Gujarat.

(iv) Proposal from the Government of West Bengal for hosting a PCPIR at Haldia spread over the Haldia Municipal Corporation and Nayachar islands in Purba Medinipur.

The investment requirements of a PCPIR will depend on its location and other factors which will include the availability of existing infrastructure and the details in the project proposal. The investment details will vary from place to place and are to be concurred to by the concerned departments of the Government of India and the State Government. Exact quantification of investment would depend on the proposed specific details.